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1. On the morning of 20 December, Viet Minh leaders in Bangkok under the leadership of Kom met at the home of a Viet Minh sympathizer, opposite the Sapratoom Hotel (Patoonahm), to discuss the situation in Viet Nam after three years' resistance.
 2. The principal speak was Kom, who spoke for an hour and ten minutes. He first made a survey of the losses and gains of the Viet Nam government resistance, and then immediately launched into a discussion of the Indonesian issue.
- 25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment. The following is a condensation of Kom's remarks on Indonesia, presented, so far as possible, in his own words. It is not susceptible of formal grading.)

"Those who have so far believed in the so-called Democracy of the Anglo-Saxon bloc now have a good opportunity to disillusion themselves and learn a good lesson from what the 'Democratic Countries' (emphasized ironically by Kom) are doing at present in Indonesia. Some of the stupid leaders of the Republican government of Indonesia thought they could depend upon the American government for help to free themselves from the Dutch yoke by waging a merciless war against their own fellow countrymen who, they said, are Communists sent from Moscow. At that time the American press, mouthpiece of Wall Street, spared no word to praise the Republican government of Indonesia for its true spirit of democracy and what not....But now that the true liberators of Indonesia are weakened by a fratricidal war (and that the imperialists are waiting only for that opportunity), the Dutch, one of the many lackeys of Wall Street, jumped its helpless prey like a hungry wolf. Of course, criticism of the Dutch attitude will arise here and there, just to ease some of the truly liberal leaders of the world who might find the Dutch action condemnable. Now you just wait and see what the UN will do about it. Indeed, my friends, nothing will be done because the Anglo-American bloc will do all it can to sabotage the truly democratic countries in the world which will try to help Indonesia. The Dutch thought they could reconquer Indonesia

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by arresting some of the Republican leaders, but they forgot that in doing so, they have rendered a great and free service to the Indonesian peoples. Now the Indonesian people will have full liberty to act as they see fit to drive out the Dutch and their masters without being troubled by any reactionary elements in their country."

1. Most of the audience was reported to be new

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